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FROM CHARGE FOR SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT:LOS MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN

MINISTER SECK OF SENEGAL

REFS A DAKAR 5674, 5019, B STATE 213536, C STATE 214443,
D STATE 220667, E STATE 190812

1. DURING CHARGE'S MEETING WITH ASSANE SECK GOS
MINISTER OF STATE FOR FONAFAIRS SEPT 14, FONMINISTER
EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THREE PERSONAL LETTERS SENT
BY SECRETARY TO HIM ON LOS (REFS B, C, E) AND SAID
HE HAD READ LETTERS CAREFULLY. FONMINISTER SAID HE CON-
SIDERED USG ROLE AND THAT OF SECRETARY AT CONFERENCE AND
ON LOS IN GENERAL VERY CONSTRUCTIVE. SECK SAID HE
AGREED WITH SECRETARY'S POIINT THAT AMERICANS HAD MADE
SERIOUS EFFORT TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF POSITIONS WITH WHICH
USG ORIGINALLY DISAGREED.

2. IN SECK'S JUDGMENT MOST SERIOUS REMAINING ISSUE IS
EXPLOTATION OF DEEP SEABED RESOURCES. ON THIS SUBJECT
FON MINISTER SAID SENEGAL, BECAUSE OF ITS INTEREST IN
THIRD WORLD SOLIDARITY, HAS HAD DIFFICULTY ACCEPTING
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES' POSITION.

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3. FONMINISTER SAID HE HAD EARLIER INSTRUCTRED GOS DELE-

GATION TO LOS CONFERENCE TO REMAIN IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH US DELEGATES. IN CHARGE'S PRESENCE, HE INSTRUCTED TECHNICAL COUNSELOR BARKA DIARRA TO SEND SENEGALESE DELEGATION ANOTHER TELEGRAM INFORMING IT OF SECRETARY'S THREE LETTERS AND INSTRUCTING DELEGATION TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF IMPORTANT US EFFORTS. SECK SAID HE WOULD ALSO REQUEST A REPORT FROM GOS DELEGATION CONCERNING POSSIBILITIES FOR PROGRESS ON UNRESOLVED ISSUES AND REQUEST RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT BE MOVED AHEAD.

4. MINISTER SECK CLOSED WITH HIGHLY COMPLIMENTARY COMMENTS ON WIDE RANGE OF IMPORTANT INITIATIVES BEING UNDERTAKEN CURRENTLY BY SECRETARY KISSINGER.
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